



## The Moto Guzzi love, how did that happen?

Life has interesting ways to make you stop and take notice, its like when you get smacked just right in the nose, it makes your eyes waters and the sneezing commences.



My friend Suraj is the guy who set the hook in this story. I have been riding for more than 40 years, owned almost every brand manufactured and already had a lean towards the Italian side of motoring but this day Suraj piqued my interest, started the moto rolling I guess you could say as within a month there was a Moto Guzzi V7 Racer II sitting in my stable. I wasn't new to Italian motorcycles by no means, sitting in the garage are various Ducati's, MV Agusta, even an Aprilia. But these other moto's have whole different spec sheets and personalities. I still have those 200 HP, 180+ MPH Italian Super-bikes, but how often and when I ride them

has changed drastically since adding Moto Guzzi's to my stable, yes more than one!

If exotic, rare, craftsmanship, reliability and tons of heritage aligned personality is what you seek Moto Guzzi is a direction you should consider! Do your research, that's exactly what I did after that first eye opening experience with Suraj.

Since that first moment of enlightenment I have had the privilege of riding and owning over a half dozen Guzzi's from the V7 Racer II to the ultra special MGX-21 Flying Fortress. Two opposite ends of the Moto Guzzi spectrum, the V7 is a design that has been constantly refined for the 50 years Moto Guzzi has offered the V7 model with its "small block" 2 cylinder transverse 750 CC motor. The MGX-21 is its new, very limited production super bagger, with the "Big Block" transverse 1400 CC motor, tons of carbon fiber, and an electronics package considered to be amongst the best in motoring, and there is a large selection of models between them.



Why this article, its food for thought! While the exotic world of Moto Guzzi silently has its army of riders out there eating up the miles, meeting at burger joints and cafes around the globe stop and look, you might be surprised by what you see and learn!

Think about this, Moto Guzzi is the oldest continuous European manufacturer of motorcycles and has been building them since 1921 in the same facility on the shores of Lake Como. Typical world wide production is around 8,000+ units per year, warranty and maintenance schedule is equivalent to the other manufacturers, half the cost of other Italian brands I own for warranty service

requirements.

That's it for now, there are generations of riders out there missing this marquee and my intent is to shed a little light on that which is Moto Guzzi, the fine exotic brand it is with unmatched heritage and build quality....miles of smiles. Speed, passion and heritage...is Moto Guzzi!

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